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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

So KAWAMURA et al.

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Serial No.: 09/982,991

Examiner: James S. McClellan

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For: METHOD FOR MANAGING PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION

WITH RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: